- 0122 A. A printout is not required. They can certainly 2 do a local or screen print of a request, and if it's over 3 a certain number of pages, it will be automatically 4 printed because of the size of the request. And those are 5 generally associated with large hunt groups and PBX 6 services, complex services. MR. McDONALD: I don't think I have anything 8 further. 9 MR. ETTINGER: Do you want to break? 10 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Off the record. 11 (Discussion off the record.) 12 13 **EXAMINATION BY MR. ETTINGER** MR. ETTINGER: Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Wood. I 14 15 am Will Ettinger. I represent AT&T. 16 I want to turn to the time in 1995 when you were 17 doing the initial planning for the LISC. I believe your 18 testimony is that you were working with Mr. Torretta, 19 Ms. Long and Mr. Hough primarily; is that correct? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Now, as far as those meetings are concerned, did
 - A. We all reported up to Liz Fetter.
 - Q. But below Liz Fetter, at that time, did you

22 you all report up to the same vice president at that time?

- 25 report to Mr. Sinn?
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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Who did you report to?

- 3 A. I reported to Eileen Arbues at that time.
- 4 Q. And Ms. Long reported to Mr. Sinn, correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And Mr. Hough?
- 7 A. Mr. Hough reported to Jaime Villagomez.
- 8 Q. And that's in the finance group?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And Mr. Torretta?
- 11 A. Reported to Joan Brown.
- 12 Q. All those people you mentioned, Mr. Sinn,
- 13 Ms. Brown, Ms. Arbues and Mr. Villagomez, they all
- 14 reported to Liz Fetter?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. At the time of those meetings, do you know to
- 17 what degree there was some coordination above your level
- 18 at the, say, the vice president level?
- 19 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Objection. Vague. But go
- 20 ahead.
- 21 MR. ETTINGER: Q. If you know.
- 22 A. I really don't know the specifics.
- 23 Q. So you don't know whether they met with each
- 24 other?
- 25 A. Not offhand.
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- l Q. Did you receive any direction from your
- 2 supervisor, Ms. Arbues, at that time, as to what your
- 3 function should be in the planning for the LISC?
- 4 A. I primarily received my direction, in terms of
- 5 LISC planning, from Jerry Sinn, because Jerry was

- 6 responsible for the LISC, so Jerry would, essentially,
- 7 come to me asking for my input from the process
- 8 perspective on LISC plans.
- 9 Q. How often did Mr. Sinn come to you for advice
- 10 or -- whatever he sought from you?
- 11 A. Once a month, once every two months, in the
- 12 early stages in '95.
- 13 Q. You are talking about '95?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Subsequent to '95, when the LISC started in
- 16 operation in 1996, you were still involved in the
- 17 operations of the LISC and plans for improving the
- 18 operations, correct?
- 19 A. In 1996?
- 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And did your meetings continue, at that time,
- 23 with the same individuals?
- A. Yes, more or less, yes.
- Q. And was the supervision pretty much the same, at 0125
- 1 that time?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And would your answer be the same about input
- 4 for your supervisor during that period of time that you
- 5 supposedly received input from Mr. Sinn about planning for
- 6 the LISC?
- 7 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Objection. I think it

- 8 mischaracterizes the testimony with respect to supervisor.
- 9 But go ahead.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Jerry Sinn would make requests
- 11 from me for input around LISC planning, so to the extent
- 12 that I provided input around LISC planning, those requests
- 13 generally came from Jerry and his management team.
- 14 My direct report supervisor at that time was
- 15 Carol Spain, under Eileen Arbues, because earlier you
- 16 asked about a vice presidential level which would be
- 17 Eileen. And then Carol Spain reported to Eileen and I
- 18 reported to Carol Spain. Does that clarify the --
- 19 MR. ETTINGER: Q. What I wanted to know is, did
- 20 Mr. Sinn come to you directly or did he go through the
- 21 chain of -- your direct chain of command?
- A. He would generally come to me directly, but I
- 23 always kept my chain of command in the loop in terms of
- 24 advising him as to what I was doing, as a matter of
- 25 course, for performance appraisals and that type of thing, 0126
- 1 so --
- 2 Q. So it wasn't a case of Mr. Sinn going to
- 3 Ms. Arbues and saying -- ask Ms. Woods to do such and
- 4 such. He came to you directly?
- 5 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: You mean as a general
- 6 party?
- 7 MR. ETTINGER: Q. In regard to matters
- 8 regarding the LISC.
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And then you would do these things and also let

- 11 your supervisors know what you were doing?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. So there was a discussion that you had with
- 14 Mr. McDonald about the recommendation that you made for
- 15 approximately, I think you used the number 742,
- 16 recognizing that's an approximation, the need for 742
- 17 employees in the LISC. You made that recommendation
- 18 sometime in October or November of '96; is that correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And that recommendation was to meet that need by
- 21 year-end '96; is that correct?
- 22 A. Year-end '96, within first quarter '97.
- Q. Do you know what the number of employees was in
- 24 the LISC by year-end '96?
- A. Approximately, all told, 250 to 300, 0127
- 1 approximately.
- Q. Were those all employees or were some of those
- 3 temporaries?
- 4 A. I think the great majority of them were
- 5 employees, but we certainly had temporary or contract
- 6 personnel as well.
- 7 Q. Is it correct that this recommendation was
- 8 made -- was it made to Jerry Sinn in writing or just oral?
- 9 A. I did provide Jerry something in writing, but I
- 10 don't know if it was a memo or if it was simply a
- 11 worksheet of our calculations.
- 12 Q. Is it your testimony that you got no response

- 13 from Mr. Sinn regarding this estimate of the need for
- 14 employees?
- 15 A. I got an acknowledgement, certainly, that he got
- 16 the estimate, and there were probably some discussions
- 17 about it, but it wasn't along the lines of a normal
- 18 acknowledgement, that type of thing. It was a matter of
- 19 me submitting the work that my team and I had done in
- 20 estimating LISC resources and us having, as a team with
- 21 Jerry and members of his management team, discussions
- 22 about that estimate.
- Q. So you got some acknowledgement that it was
- 24 received?
- A. Yes, and certainly questions about how we 0128
- 1 derived that number and the assumptions that we used, et
- 2 cetera.
- Q. Did you get any response along the lines that
- 4 Mr. Sinn or his group thought the number was either too
- 5 high or too low or just right?
- 6 A. My sense is they felt it was probably in line
- 7 with the forecast and the business processes and the
- 8 mechanization, as we viewed them at that time.
- 9 Q. Now, you say in line with the forecast, I think
- 10 Mr. McDonald asked you about Exhibit 14, which was dated
- 11 August 30th, '96. It's also a forecast which has been
- 12 previously marked as deposition Exhibit 15, dated 11/6/96.
- 13 I am going to show it to you. And I recognize that you
- 14 said you haven't seen forecasts in this exact format
- 15 before.

- 16 I will just ask you to take a look at the
- 17 totals, without reading them into the record, and ask you,
- 18 to the best of your recollection, are these the forecast
- 19 numbers that you saw in the November '96 time frame?
- 20 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Are you asking exactly,
- 21 ballpark, or do you care one way or the other?
- 22 MR. ETTINGER: I am asking to the best of her
- 23 recollection, and maybe we can fine-tune it, depending on
- 24 what she says.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, essentially -- the forecast 0129
- 1 information that I saw or have seen, as I indicated
- 2 before, didn't necessarily include this product mix. I
- 3 mean, certainly ACM was not included, some of the more
- 4 complex services.
- 5 And it seems to me that the forecasts that I saw
- 6 went through 1996, and, you know, there are indications on
- 7 here, obviously, that we had no volumes in April, May and
- 8 June of '96. So it's very likely that I saw an earlier, a
- 9 much earlier version of the forecast before reality began
- 10 to set in, in terms of what was actually coming into the
- 11 LISC.
- 12 MR. ETTINGER: Q. I guess I am asking you, did
- 13 you see a forecast in the November time frame?
- 14 A. Of 1996?
- 15 Q. Of '96, volumes through year-end '96, and
- 16 actually, I will let you look at the second page. It goes
- 17 on into '97, just so you are clear.

- 18 A. I would have to say that the majority of the
- 19 forecasts that I looked at were in late '95 and early '96,
- 20 and reflected a 1996 spread of volumes from January
- 21 through end-of-year, essentially, for '96 and into the
- 22 first part of '97, first quarter of '97. So to the extent
- 23 that this represents first quarter of '97, you know, that
- 24 looks about right. I could not attest to the numbers.
- Q. So you don't remember -- 0130
- 1 A. Presumably.
- Q. -- if the numbers shown on Exhibit 15 are the
- 3 numbers you saw at that time?
- 4 A. No, I really don't.
- 5 Q. Do you remember if you saw any forecast in the
- 6 October or November time frame?
- A. I don't know if it was precisely in the October,
- 8 November time frame, I know that I have reviewed forecasts
- 9 during 1996, and that we made staffing estimates in 1996,
- 10 based on the forecast information that we had at that
- 11 time. It's very difficult to pinpoint the exact dates and
- 12 the exact numbers.
- 13 Q. Once you gave the estimate of staffing
- 14 requirements to Mr. Sinn, you later became aware, did you
- 15 not, that Pacific did not step up to that number?
- 16 A. Could you repeat that?
- 17 Q. Did you later become aware, after you gave a
- 18 for -- not the forecast, but the recommendation of the
- 19 number of employees needed for the LISC, after you gave
- 20 that to Mr. Sinn, did you later become aware that Pacific

- 21 Bell did not staff the LISC up to that estimate?
- 22 A. It's -- I knew that the current staffing of the
- 23 LISC and the estimate that we gave did not match, and
- 24 there was a considerable gap between the two. I also
- 25 recognized that it's not possible to bring on that many 0131
- 1 people in that short time frame.
- Q. Did you ask anybody, either Mr. Sinn or
- 3 Mr. Stankey, or anybody else, as to why the LISC wasn't
- 4 staffed up to your estimate?
- 5 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Objection.
- 6 Mischaracterizes the witness' testimony, but go ahead and
- 7 answer.
- 8 MR. ETTINGER: I don't think I did characterize
- 9 her testimony, but --
- 10 THE WITNESS: I knew of the issues associated
- 11 with bringing on that level of staffing, so I didn't feel
- 12 compelled to ask them why they had not staffed up to my
- 13 recommendation. My recommendation, or my estimate,
- 14 rather, was given in late 1996, based on forecasting
- 15 information and the realities of what was coming into the
- 16 LISC. And knowing how difficult it is to bring on that
- 17 level of resources, I never felt compelled to ask them
- 18 why.
- I knew that there were plans to ramp-up the LISC
- 20 resources to much higher levels than currently existed. I
- 21 knew of the plans associated with the Tustin and
- 22 Sacramento offices, my staff was involved in training for

- 23 those offices. I knew of the Tustin plans during the
- 24 first quarter of '97 for the Anaheim office, so I was
- 25 aware of what was going on in terms of bringing in 0132
- 1 additional resources, training them.
- 2 You know, I was getting pressure on my resources
- 3 to help with that training, help with the M&P development,
- 4 et cetera, so I guess the bottom line is, I never felt
- 5 there was a need to ask why.
- 6 MR. ETTINGER: Q. Did you ever discuss with any
- 7 of your peers, or other people who you worked with,
- 8 Pacific's failure to staff up to your recommended number
- 9 of employees?
- 10 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Same objection.
- 11 mischaracterizes the witness' testimony; assumes facts not
- 12 in evidence.
- 13 THE WITNESS: We certainly discussed the
- 14 difficulties associated with, again, bringing on that
- 15 level of staffing and the resource difficulties that we
- 16 were having in both Northern and Southern California, in
- 17 terms of finding qualified personnel, the training issues.
- 18 Training that number of people is difficult. And we
- 19 discussed things along those lines, because that's the
- 20 area of the business that my team and myself and the LISC
- 21 management is involved in.
- 22 MR. ETTINGER: Q. These discussions you just
- 23 referenced, who were they with?
- 24 A. They would be with members of my staff, Ann
- 25 Long, members of Don Griffin's staff, the training staff,

- 1 and most recently with my boss, with John Stankey.
- Q. When did these discussions take place, over what
- 3 period of time?
- 4 A. I'd say they started in November and have
- 5 continued to date.
- 6 Q. Has anyone ever indicated to you that there was
- 7 insufficient budget to staff LISC up to your
- 8 recommendation?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Has anyone ever indicated to you that your
- 11 recommendation for the number of employees was too high
- 12 vis-a-vis the need for the LISC to handle capacity?
- 13 A. I was asked to, essentially, provide my
- 14 assumptions and thinking behind the resource
- 15 recommendation or staffing recommendation, but otherwise,
- 16 no.
- 17 Q. Did anyone ever indicate to you that the number
- 18 of estimated employees was too high because future systems
- 19 enhancements would make the need for that many employees
- 20 unnecessary?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Let me ask you a hypothetical question. Let's
- 23 hypothetically -- let me ask you a hypothetical question.
- 24 Let's assume that the LISC had been staffed at that period
- 25 of time with 700 people, and let's further assume that the 0134
- 1 system upgrades that you have discussed, which have taken
- 2 place in '97 so far, through the end of May '97, all take

- 3 place, if implemented as planned, were that 750 or 742
- 4 number of employees then become too high?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. At one point during this morning's testimony, in
- 7 answer to a question that Mr. McDonald -- as to backlogs
- 8 at the LISC, he asked you why you believed those backlogs
- 9 had occurred, and my recollection of your testimony, and
- 10 you can correct me if I'm wrong, was that in December of
- 11 '96, the LISC was hit with unexpectedly high volume. Do
- 12 you recall that?
- 13 A. Yes, I recall that.
- 14 Q. When you say unexpectedly high, do you mean
- 15 higher than had been forecast?
- 16 A. Not necessarily higher than had been forecast,
- 17 but you have to remember that we were not getting forecast
- 18 information from the customers. We were largely
- 19 forecasting, based on internal intelligence about how we
- 20 thought the resale and unbundled network element market
- 21 might go.
- 22 So the -- and the reality was that we had not
- 23 received the volumes that we had forecasted, so that when
- 24 the LISC got hit in late year '96 -- first of all, it was
- 25 not the type of slow, kind of steady ramp-up that we had
- 1 expected. It was more of a spike, and it was in contrast
- 2 to the levels, the volumes that we had seen in previous
- 3 months.
- 4 Q. So do I understand your testimony to be that the
- 5 LISC, in late '96, was not at capacity to handle the

- 6 volume that was internally forecasted by Pacific?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. And the volumes that were actually received by
- 9 Pacific in late '96 -- let's take it a month at a time.
- 10 Let's take December of '96. Were they higher or
- 11 lower, if you know, than the internal forecast at Pacific?
- 12 A. Offhand, I really don't know. They were more of
- 13 a manual nature than we had expected, because the carriers
- 14 that we were receiving these high volumes from were not on
- 15 the mechanized interface. So we were getting more manual
- 16 requests faxed and Federal Expressed and mail requests
- 17 than we had expected to receive.
- 18 Q. How about in January of '97, do you know if the
- 19 actual volume that the LISC -- of orders into the LISC was
- 20 higher or lower than the forecast?
- 21 A. I honestly don't know.
- 22 Q. I am going to show you -- you don't know because
- 23 you don't know the volume of orders that were -- that came
- 24 into the LISC, or you don't know what the -- or don't
- 25 remember what the forecast was?

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- 1 A. Both.
- Q. Would it refresh your recollection if I show you
- 3 Pacific's internal forecasts for those months?
- A. Well, it won't help with the actuals, because I
- 5 don't know what the actuals are offhand.
- 6 Q. If I show you the forecasts for January,
- 7 February and March of '97, would you be able to tell me

- 8 whether the LISC would have been able to handle that
- 9 volume, without revealing the number?
- 10 A. No, I don't believe that I would be able to give
- 11 you an accurate reflection of that.
- 12 Q. Do you continue to receive forecasts numbers?
- 13 A. Not on a regular basis, only if I request the
- 14 information.
- 15 Q. When was the last time you requested that
- 16 information?
- 17 A. Probably January, February time frame. I
- 18 requested it in association with some work I was doing on
- 19 mechanization.
- 20 Q. Who did you request it from?
- 21 A. Robert Hough.
- 22 Q. Just so I am clear, he provided you with some
- 23 forecast numbers that were in a format different than
- 24 Exhibit 15?
- A. I don't know if the numbers were different 0137
- 1 offhand, but --
- 2 Q. I am only asking about the format.
- 3 A. The format was in a standard Excel spreadsheet.
- 4 MR. ETTINGER: Will you stipulate with me,
- 5 Mr. Kolto-Wininger, that Exhibit 15 was the forecast that
- 6 was an official Pacific Bell forecast that was in effect
- 7 in the January time frame?
- 8 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: I will stipulate with you
- 9 that that's what Laura Schwartz testified to. I can't
- 10 stipulate from personal knowledge.

- 11 MR. ETTINGER: That's all I ask.
- 12 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Sure.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Can I correct something, my
- 14 previous statement?
- 15 MR. ETTINGER: Q. Sure.
- 16 A. I was thinking about the work I was doing on the
- 17 systems. I got forecast information in early March '97.
- 18 That was the last time.
- 19 Q. Are you changing the January date to March or
- 20 are you adding that date?
- 21 A. No, I am changing the January date to March.
- 22 Q. You did not get it in January?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. You did get it in March?
- 25 A. Correct.
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- 1 Q. I am going to show you Exhibit -- what's been
- 2 previously marked, and this is not proprietary, as I
- 3 recall, Exhibit 7, which is the LISC capacity, and I will
- 4 ask you to just take a look.
- 5 First off, have you ever seen either this
- 6 document or the numbers contained in the document?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. I will ask you to take a moment to familiarize
- 9 yourself with the document.
- MR. McDONALD: Just for the -- that's Exhibit 7?
- 11 MR. ETTINGER: Exhibit 7, and that, by
- 12 agreement, is no longer considered proprietary.

- 13 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 14 MR. ETTINGER: Q. I am going to ask you about
- 15 the capacity in orders per day that's estimated here by
- 16 Exhibit 7.
- 17 Exhibit 7 estimates that the resale LISC can
- 18 handle between 2,000 -- will be able to handle between
- 19 2,000 and 2,500 orders per day by the end of the second
- 20 quarter 1997. Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do you have any independent knowledge of that
- 23 number, whether that's correct or not?
- A. Could you clarify what you mean by independent
- 25 knowledge?

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- Q. Maybe I should step back. Were you asked by
- 2 anyone to help prepare this document?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Were you asked by anyone to help prepare an
- 5 estimate of what the LISC capacity would be through the
- 6 end of 1997, and by the LISC capacity, I am talking about
- 7 the resale LISC?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. I am going to ask you to assume for the moment
- 10 that these are Pacific Bell's best estimates of LISC
- 11 capacity through the end of 1997. Do you have any
- 12 estimate of how many employees it would be necessary to
- 13 have in the LISC, in order to meet each of these
- 14 milestones, second quarter, third quarter and fourth
- 15 quarter, as shown in Exhibit 7?

- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. I believe your testimony was, after you made
- 18 your staffing recommendation in late '96, you were
- 19 never -- since that time, never made another staffing
- 20 recommendation; is that your testimony?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Is that because your job changed and somebody
- 23 else is responsible for doing that?
- 24 A. No. My job did not change. John has
- 25 subsequently brought in additional personnel because of 0140
- 1 the need or burden on my staff to pick up some of those
- 2 functions.
- 3 Q. Just so the record is clear, John, you are
- 4 referring to John Stankey?
- 5 A. Stankey, yes.
- 6 Q. And so somebody else now -- or is there
- 7 somebody, to your knowledge, who is responsible for making
- 8 staffing recommendations as to the number of employees
- 9 needed in the LISC?
- 10 A. I believe that John Stankey has been working
- 11 those issues directly with Don Griffin, who is the
- 12 director of the LISC, and Don's management team.
- 13 Q. So to the best of your knowledge, Don Griffin
- 14 and his management team make written recommendations to
- 15 Mr. Stankey as to how many employees are required in the
- 16 LISC between now and end of the year?
- 17 A. To the best of my knowledge.

- 18 Q. Do you know what those recommendations are?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. And it's not necessary for you to know how many
- 21 employees are planned to be in the LISC in order to write
- 22 procedures?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Is there a critical size that the LISC must be
- 25 over in order for certain procedures to be effective? Do 0141
- 1 you understand my question?
- 2 A. No, I don't think I am entirely clear.
- 3 Q. Maybe I should rephrase it.
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Maybe I will start with a hypothetical.
- 6 Your profession, is it not, is to -- because of
- 7 your familiarity with how Pacific Bell operates, both its
- 8 systems, how its employees are trained, your job, as I
- 9 understand it, is to write procedures for the processes
- 10 that are necessary to take place in order to be -- for the
- 11 appropriate interfaces between humans and computers, and
- 12 humans from one department and humans in another
- 13 department, and humans in one company and humans in
- 14 another company. Does that kind of fairly summarize what
- 15 you do?
- 16 A. Yes, it's a fair summary.
- 17 Q. And the human beings that you are writing
- 18 processes for are the human beings in the LISC?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. If we were to make an analysis, Mr. Torretta is

- 21 writing processes for computers that serve the LISC?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. I know it's not a one-to-one, but --
- 24 A. Yeah.
- Q. If you are dealing -- if there are only, 0142
- 1 hypothetically only, say, five people -- and maybe we
- 2 shouldn't even call it the LISC, let's just call it a
- 3 hypothetical and call it the ABC group -- had to do
- 4 certain work, and they had a variety of tasks, it would be
- 5 harder to specialize than if there were 5,000 people in
- 6 the ABC group, wouldn't it?
- 7 A. Well, I mean, you can specialize almost anything
- 8 if you have the appropriate Methods and Procedures and
- 9 training associated with those Methods and Procedures, in
- 10 that, for those people that are performing those
- 11 functions, it's not a specialty, it's a part of their job.
- 12 Q. I am going to ask the question this way.
- 13 A. Yeah.
- 14 Q. If you have five people and there are ten tasks
- 15 that have to be accomplished, assume no absenteeism for
- 16 the moment, then each person, just as a matter of
- 17 mathematics, must know at least two tasks; doesn't that
- 18 follow?
- 19 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Incomplete hypothetical.
- 20 Go ahead.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Not necessarily, not if all five
- 22 people are required to perform all ten tasks.

- 23 MR. ETTINGER: Q. That's my question. They
- 24 have to -- the minimum number of tasks that anybody would
- 25 have to know how to do is two; is that true? 0143
- 1 A. Given the hypothetical, yes.
- Q. If I leave the number of tasks the same and
- 3 expand the number of people to ten, then the minimum
- 4 number of tasks that they would have to do is one?
- 5 A. I guess I don't make a direct relationship
- 6 between the tasks and the number of people. The tasks
- 7 within a business process either have to be performed by
- 8 the people or they have to be performed in some other way,
- 9 as by a system, or they can be eliminated as unnecessary
- 10 to the successful completion of the business process.
- 11 Q. Let me ask the question, not as a hypothetical.
- 12 As the LISC has expanded in size -- by size, I mean has
- 13 more employees -- have the employees become more
- 14 specialized?
- MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Don't speculate, but if you
- 16 know, answer.
- 17 THE WITNESS: No, I don't believe that they
- 18 have. I believe that the original version of the LISC, in
- 19 terms of the process flow within the LISC, included some
- 20 specialty, in terms of order processing versus FOC versus
- 21 completion. They have moved to having the service reps
- 22 and order writers perform more of a critical to grave --
- 23 or take more of a critical to grave approach with respect
- 24 to the business process.
- 25 In other words, the rep who does the -- who

- 1 receives the assigned request from the CLC, processes the
- 2 service orders, does the FOC, performs most, if not all,
- 3 of the functions associated with that request. So to that
- 4 extent, I would say that there's less specialization, in
- 5 terms of those functions or tasks, than there were
- 6 previously.
- 7 MR. ETTINGER: Q. In writing procedures for the
- 8 LISC, are you finding that your writing procedures tend to
- 9 specialize employees more?
- 10 A. No. We write procedures to functions, not to
- 11 positions within the service center. So in other words,
- 12 we write out, this is the procedure for order issuance,
- 13 this is the procedure for Firm Order Confirmations, or
- 14 FOC's. We don't define who performs those functions or
- 15 whether they are performed by one person or multiple
- 16 people. We focus on the tasks and subtasks associated
- 17 with the function and then the process.
- 18 Q. Who makes the determination as to whether or not
- 19 to have everybody trained to and able to perform all the
- 20 tasks or to take the tasks and have them specialized?
- 21 A. The LISC management team.
- 22 Q. That would be Don Griffin?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you assist, in any way, in the preparation
- 25 of Pacific Bell's responses to MCI's first set of data 0145
- 1 requests in this case?
- 2 A. Yes.

- 3 Q. Do you know which questions you were involved
- 4 with, or were you just asked to -- let me stop right
- 5 there.
- 6 Do you know which questions you were involved
- 7 with?
- 8 MR, KOLTO-WININGER: By number?
- 9 MR. ETTINGER: Yes, by number.
- 10 THE WITNESS: No, I don't.
- 11 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Which one of the 77?
- 12 MR. ETTINGER: Q. I am going to show you
- 13 Pacific's response to MCI data requests number -- the
- 14 Pacific Bell requests, which has been marked previously as
- 15 Exhibit 8.
- I am going to show you response number 114. The
- 17 question and answer. Why don't you look it over and see
- 18 if you remember that one.
- 19 A. No, I did not provide input to this one.
- 20 Q. Do you know who did?
- 21 MR. KOLTO-WININGER: Don't guess, but if you
- 22 know.
- 23 THE WITNESS: No, I don't know.
- 24 MR. ETTINGER: Q. Do you have any feel for or
- 25 opinion as to the pro -- whether the productivity of staff 0146
- 1 in the LISC in the November, December time frame was at
- 2 the level that had been expected?
- A. No, not really.
- 4 Q. Were you ever asked in that time frame to-- let
- 5 me rephrase that and ask you about any time frame.

- 6 Have you ever been asked to look at the
- 7 operations of the LISC and compare what's actually being
- 8 done in the LISC to the procedures that you have written,
- 9 to see if there's been -- to see if there is any deviation
- 10 practiced in the LISC from the procedures that you've
- 11 read?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You have?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. How many times have you done that?
- 16 A. That's pretty much an ongoing function of my
- 17 staff, to maintain Methods and Procedures and, as such, to
- 18 look at what the LISC is currently doing in light of those
- 19 Methods and Procedures and make the necessary adjustments,
- 20 if any, either to the M&P or to what the LISC is doing.
- 21 Q. Let's take this one at a time. Have you ever
- 22 found instances where the LISC is not following the
- 23 procedure that was written by you or your staff?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. How many occasions have you found that?

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- A. I couldn't quote you a number.
- 2 Q. A large number?
- 3 A. No, no. I don't believe it's a large number.
- 4 They largely rely on the M&P to tell them how to conduct
- 5 their business.
- 6 Q. Let's focus on instances where you found that
- 7 they weren't following the M&P.

- 8 A. All right,
- 9 Q. In some instances -- well, in any of those
- 10 instances, did you then go back and look and say, you
- 11 know, they have a point, maybe we should change the M&P;
- 12 it makes more sense what they are doing?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Is that a majority -- in percentage of the types
- 15 that you found that quote, unquote, deviations, is that
- 16 the majority of the time that you found deviations, that
- 17 you changed the procedure, or minority?
- 18 A. Minority.
- 19 Q. What happened the other times that you found
- 20 quote, unquote, deviations; did you go back to the LISC
- 21 and say you need to have tighter control on your people
- 22 because they are not following the procedures?
- 23 A. Largely, it would become a training issue.
- 24 Generally speaking, if there is a deviation between what
- 25 the LISC is doing and what the M&P reflects, it's a matter 0148
- 1 of training or coverage with the service reps and order
- 2 writers in the LISC.
- 3 Q. So as I understand your testimony then, there's
- 4 two things so far that we've covered that can happen when
- 5 you find a deviation. One is you can change the M&P,
- 6 because you find that somebody in practice has found a
- 7 better -- quote, better, way to do it, right?
- 8 A. Sure.
- 9 Q. And the second thing is you go back, you look at
- 10 the M&P, and you say no, the M&P is better than what we

- 11 are doing, they need to be trained, they need additional
- 12 training, they are not doing it right?
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. Any other type of action that you would take if
- 15 you found a quote, deviation, unquote?
- 16 A. No, I think those two situations pretty much
- 17 cover ---
- 18 Q. Let's look at the training aspect first. Do you
- 19 go back and check and see whether this is actually covered
- 20 in the training, or do you -- are there cases, I should
- 21 say, where there's been a deviation and you found that
- 22 they actually haven't been trained properly?
- 23 A. Not that I can recall offhand.
- Q. So it's not missing from -- you haven't found a
- 25 case where the procedure was actually -- that you wrote 0149
- 1 was missing from the training?
- A. No.
- 3 Q. It's more a question of individuals, for
- 4 whatever reason, somehow it didn't sink in during the
- 5 training?
- 6 A. Either didn't sink in or the procedure changed
- 7 after they came out of training, and they either were
- 8 covered, because they were absent on the day, that the
- 9 supervisor covered them, on the change in procedure. Or
- 10 they just didn't pick it up, you know, it was something
- 11 relatively minor and they didn't pick it up. I mean,
- 12 there could be any number of reasons that get back, again,